



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: WATER ELECTROLYSIS SYSTEM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Date: **August 31, 2006**

Sir:

Coupled with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, Applicants request that, prior to initial examination, the above-identified application be further amended as shown below. This paper is in reply to the outstanding Final Office Action dated April 5, 2006, the due date for which has been extended two (2) months from July 5, 2006 to September 5, 2006 with the attached Petition for Extension of Time and wherein the fee for the first one month extension of time was remitted with the Response dated July 14, 2006.

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